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SUBJECT: PROELBMS IN AERIAL REPATRIATION OF ILLEGALS

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1. ON SEPT 23 EMBOFF DISCUSSED AERIAL REPATRIATION PROBLEM WITH GONZALEZ DE LEON, FOREIGN SECRETARIAT, SPECIFICALLY DELAYS RESULTING FROM COMPLETION ELEVEN PAGE QUESTIONNAIRE. HE THOUGHT QUESTIONNAIRE SHOULD TAKE ONLY ABOUT TEN MINUTES AND WAS CONCERNED TO LEARN THAT IN DENVER MEXICAN CONSUL WAS LIMITED SELF TO DOCUMENTING FIVE ALIENS PER DAY. SINCE QUESTIONNAIR PROCEDURE HAD BEEN APPROVED BY INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE, HE SAW NO LIKELIHOOD IT COULD BE ELIMINATED, BUT AGREED TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF DELAY IT WAS CAUSING WITH REPS OTHER MINISTRIES TO SEE IF STREAMLINING OR OTHER REMEDIAL ACTION COULD BE TAKEN. HE HOPES TO HAVE DEFINITIVE REPLY EARLY IN WEEK SEPTEMBER 26. HE VOLUNTEERED TO SEE WHETHER ADDITIONAL MEXICAN INTERVIEWERS COULD BE PROVIDED AT KEY POINTS TO HANDLE MORE CASES, BUT NOTED THIS WOULD NEED EXTRA PERSONNEL AND THEREFORE EXTRA FUNDS. HE SAID GOM FELT THAT QUESTIONNAIRE PROVIDED NEEDED PROFILE INFO ON REPRIATES. HE SAW POINT THAT OVERCONSCIENTIOUS ATTENTION TO FILLING OUT A LENGTHY FORM RESULTED IN LONGER PERIOD OF DETENTION FOR SOME ALIENS. IN GENERAL HE TOOK CONSTRUCTIVE, LET'S SEE IF WE CAN MAKE THE SYSTEM WORK, ATTITUDE.

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2. IN RESPONSE GONZALEZ DE LEON'S QUESTION WHETHER AERIAL REPATRIATION PROGRAM WOULD END ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1976, EMBOFF SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING FUNDING COULD CONTINUE DURING WHOLE OF NEXT FISCAL YEAR, WITH DECISION AS TO PROGRAM'S EXACT DURATION TO BE MADE AFTER INS HAD MORE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS HOW IT WAS WORKING.

3. GENERALIZING, CONZALEZ DE LEON SAID HE SAW NO POSSIBILITY OF SOLUTION OF THE WORKER PROBLEM, GIVEN MEXICO'S POPULATION EXPLOSION, EMPLOYMENT SHORTAGES, WAGE IMBALANCE, AND MANPOWER NEEDS ON US SIDE OF THE BORDER. HE THOUGHT ISSUE WOULD BE WITH US FOR LONG TIME.

4. HE SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING DAS LUERS DURING THEIR JOINT VISIT TO DETENTION CENTER AT EL CENTRO AT END THIS MONTH.
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